

**Environmental Sustainability Board**  
**Robinson Nature Center**  
**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**7:00-9:00pm**

Attendees:

Name	Association
Ned Tillman	ESB
Cathy Hudson	ESB
Mark Southerland	ESB
Betsy Singer	ESB
Tom Paxton	ESB
Ed Wilson	ESB
Georgia Eacker	ESB
Catherine Strawley	ESB
Lindsay DeMarzo	OCS
Elissa Reineck	OCS
Bill Mahoney	OCS
Phil Nichols	County Administration
Margo Deusterhaus	Citizen

7:05pm – Chair Ned Tillman called the meeting to order and asked Ed Wilson for a brief summary of the first meeting of the Energy Task Force, held in late November.

Former ESB Member Rizwan Siddiqui and Ed Wilson are the Energy Task Force Chairs. Other representation is from the Columbia Association, the Anne Arundel County School System Facilities Department, Howard County Bureau of Facilities, and others. The scope of the Energy Task Force includes evaluating initiatives in energy efficiency, renewable energy sources, economic development (including creating jobs and resilience issues like guaranteeing back up power), and Howard County-specific energy concerns.

The January Energy Task Force meeting will include the creation of subcommittees. The Task Force is planned to be a 12 month endeavor and will meet the first Tuesday of every month at the George Howard Building at 8:00 am. Ed invited ESB board and OCS staff to attend the meetings.

7:15 - Board Member Tom Paxton updated the Board on the Howard County Public School System's Indoor Air Quality Task Force. The group will have a few more meetings to wrap up its work. The fact that new schools are LEED certified helps with air quality issues moving forward. The Task Force has come up with procedures for identifying mold and notifying the appropriate authorities when mold is identified.

7:25 – Ned Tillman announced that he will be sending the Annual Report to the County Executive and County Council. After that, Cathy and Ned will schedule a meeting with the Executive.

The Board determined to rearrange the letter, which serves as the Annual Report, and include the data from the October voting exercise as an appendix.

8:00 – Phillip Nichols of the County Administration addressed questions from the ESB on the Financial Assurance Plan. The Plan is necessitated by MDE in order to meet our MS4 Permit. The Plan has been submitted to the County Council for their approval prior to its submission to the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Concerns that were raised included, but are not limited to:

OCS's non-profit program will be harder to implement without the incentive of a fee.

OCS's homeowner incentive program will be less marketable without a fee.

The presence of a fee is an educational tool in and of itself.

The County Council hearing to approve or reject the FAP will be held January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the George Howard Building.

8:40 – (Acting) Directors Report:

Lindsay DeMarzo reports that Jim Caldwell is currently creating a budget for FY '17.

Bill Mahoney announced that GreenFest 2017 will be on April 16<sup>th</sup>, at Howard Community College and that this year's theme is "Buy Local, Eat Local, Be Local."

The Office of Law has created the necessary paperwork allowing the READY Program to work on County properties and READY will begin doing so shortly.

The Patrick Farm is still moving forward.

9:00 – Meeting Adjourned